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The report and statement of accounts for 1908, of the Shanghai Gas Company, Limited, testify to the continued prosperity of the Company. The higher cost of carbonising material, increased expenses and the loss which, for the first time, was incurred in the Company's fitting business, were fully counterbalanced by the increased sales of gas, and the working account for the year shows a profit of Tls. 241,189.13 or practically the same as that for 1907. The net profit for the year, however, amounted to Tls. 219,162.58, a decrease of Tls. 29,788.98, as compared with 1907. This result was almost entirely occasioned by the interest incurred on cost of the recent extension additions to the Company's plant, and it is evident that until such new plant is working to its full capacity, the Company cannot expect to reap all the profit to be derived therefrom. The Directors have considered it advisable to write down considerably the value of materials held in certain departments, and to enable them to do this they have appropriated from reserves and depreciation account the sum of Tls. 30,000.00. The balance as credit of profit and loss account, after crediting the account with Tls. 6,603.65, carried forward after appropriation of the profits for 1907, and with the Tls. 3,000.00 above alluded to, and deducting the amount of interest dividend at the rate of 7% (Tls. 84,000) paid on 25th July last, amounts to Tls. 171,766.23, of which sum the Directors recommend appropriation as follows:—

To pay a dividend for the year 1908, at 10% on shares at 2 per cent. (making 15 per cent. for the year) Tls. 3.00 per share, Tls. 15,000.00; To write off for depreciation of land and buildings, Tls. 184.13; To write off for depreciation of manufacturing and distributing plant, Tls. 8,246.42; To write off for depreciation of furniture, Tls. 319.24; To carry forward to new account, Tls. 4,306.44. Private consumption increased 25,89,900 ft., or 5.77 per cent. The increase in gas used for public lighting has been 69,538 ft., or 4.17 per cent. The number of Gas Engines in use is 113, and the increase in gas used for power amounted to 1,127,400 or 6.21 per cent. Tons 2,838.19 more of carbonising material was used than in 1907 and 26,387,500 cubic feet more gas were produced. The market for the Company's securities has been satisfactory and, apart from a slight increase in price, has been used in manufacturing purposes, there has been considerable increase in profit in all products. Early in the year the Directors decided to provide the funds necessary for the payment of balance of cost of the New Plant, by the issue of further Loan Capital in preference to increasing the Share Capital. To enable this to be done it was necessary to consolidate the whole of the Debenture issues of the Company, and steps to effect this were taken. It was decided to create a new issue of 6 per cent. Debentures of not more than Tls. 1,250,000, of which, in the meantime Tls. 400,000 should be applied to the redemption of existing loans, and a further amount, not exceeding Tls. 400,000 should be issued as required. Practically all the holders of existing debentures have agreed to accept the new debentures in place of those now held by them, and of the residue a considerable portion has already been placed. Mr. P. F. Levers returned to Shanghai in May last, and resumed his seat on the Board; Mr. E. Clark having resigned on leaving for England. Mr. Levers has since resigned owing to his absence from Shanghai, and the Board invited Mr. A. H. Hild to fill the vacancy. Mr. Hild's appointment requires confirmation at the Ordinary General Meeting. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. J. M. Young retired, but being eligible offered himself for re-election. Mr. H. W. G. Hayter was appointed by the Directors to fill the place of Mr. H. Anderson, who left Shanghai. Mr. Hayter and Mr. J. A. Hamilton offer themselves for election as Directors.

Mr. George H. Connelley, recently Secretary of the Treasury in the United States, has been elected President of the great corporation which supplies New York City with gas. This has been an illustrious honor. President Connelley has been in the gas industry for many years. This is the first time in its history that the corporation has elected a President from outside the industry. Mr. Connelley is a native of New York and has been in the gas industry for many years. This is the first time in its history that the corporation has elected a President from outside the industry. Mr. Connelley is a native of New York and has been in the gas industry for many years. This is the first time in its history that the corporation has elected a President from outside the industry.

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Sir HENRY BARKLEY, K.C., Chairman of the Association, will preside.

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909.

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162	583	1040	1281	1565
167	594	1050	1290	1573
181	584	1057	1291	1583
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and the least German in all Germany,
Berlin can in many respects serve as an
example to London in the matter of
housing, street arrangements, and munici-
pal administration.

While remaining faithful to the newly-
built quarters, to the poverty-stricken chancery
pattern of street-laying, Berlin has
at least avoided that stunted and grimy
workshop growth of two-story workmen's
houses which disgraces the approach to
London from the Continent. Although
these are, unfortunately, here, as else-
where, overcrowded tenements, there are no
longer any real slums—a consummation for
which the municipality is to be thanked,
as is the police for the suppression of
loafing. Rags and tatters are extremely
rare, as is also pronounced drunkenness.
Even the working-class quarters are not an
eyesore. On the other hand for the middle
and lower middle classes excellent accom-
modation is provided on relatively mod-
erate terms.

The Berlin flats and half-flats are incom-
parably better than the corresponding
eight-roomed houses and "maisonsnettes"
of London. They are in the direct line
of modern progress—to be modern and
progressive is the ideal of every Berliner—
each representing a successful effort to
secure economy through co-operation.
Houses for middle-class families are
now being built in the West End of
Berlin with a central kitchen for all
the tenants, to be worked by a common
staff of servants. Domestic service—a
problem of constantly increasing difficulty
is reduced to a minimum by central
heating, combined with a supply of hot
water. Lifts are almost universal,
rendering height an advantage rather than
a drawback. There is a liberal provision
of light and space in all the buildings of
the last twenty years, a considerable pro-
portion of the whole, for it will be
remembered that Berlin shows the most
rapid growth of all European cities.

IN THE BERLIN STREETS.
This circumstance, together with the
breadth and cleanliness of the streets,
compensates for the heavy ostentatiousness
of much of the architecture. The names
of streets appear not high up on the corner
of eight, but projecting from street
lamps at about five feet from the ground
and well lit, while under them are placed
the numbers of the houses in the particular
block: "1-10." The addresses of the
nearest police station, chemist, fire brigade,
and ambulance stations are to be found on
the advertisement pillars.

The streets in the working-class quarters
are as wide as the rest. Those in the
wealthier centres are frequently enlivened
by gardens and rows of trees. A welcome
brightness is added to the streets even in
the poorer quarters by decorated balconies,
large enough to permit of their being used
for meals in the summer. The Emperor
and Empress give prizes for the prettiest of
these decorations. The lighting is better
than in London, and is chiefly electric.

The all-pervading Prussian organization
and discipline also serve the cause of
charity, producing better general results at
less expense. Experienced German ob-
servers admit that there is much more
personal sacrifice in London than here,
especially in the case of women, but owing
to the wastefulness and uncertainty of
private effort it yields far less in actual
relief. The strictly regulated Berlin
system—almost exclusively municipal—
gives speedier results, every-one knowing
exactly where and how to apply for relief.
Municipal asylums for the homeless are
always available.

The system seems on the whole to be
even less subject to abuse than the
voluntary British method. In London it
is only the Charity Organisation Society
that appears to approach the Berlin
municipal standard, and Germans are dis-
posed to regard its methods as still very
primitive compared to their own highly
developed system. The hopeless misery
of the "submerged" who may be seen
tramping about the streets of London
is practically unknown here, except
in the rare cases of educated persons
fallen into destitution who are ashamed to
apply for the relief at their disposal. But
even the latter are discovered in the long
run and receive the help which they are
too proud to claim.

One of the most
Hospital administration is also more
effective, particularly on the medical side.
It must be admitted, however, that
the nursing is done by a lower
social status and is less satisfactory.
The trained London nurses come from
a higher class, and in general have a
better training than their Berlin colleagues.
The latter suffer not only from their own
deficiencies but from the general lack of
consideration for women which characterizes
the "Berlinese" of both sexes. For ex-
ample, in the big ships "the Kaiser's
Cabinets" and "Kaiser's Bathing" constantly give
precedence over their own sex to men,
who accept it as a matter of course, and
who furthermore never dream of offering
their seats to women in a tramway-car.
Those who can afford to pay for hospital
attendance are obliged to do so, being
classified under three terms according to
their position. Special provision is made
for servants, whose employers have to pay
a small weekly insurance for them by means
of a "Kaiser's Insurance." So far as mere
instruction goes the primary and other schools are also more
effectively organized than in London, the
good results of the strict discipline being
however, disappointed by a certain lack of
independence and initiative as compared

with the more classes in England. A like
example may be made as to the factories,
where the greater order is accompanied by
similar drawbacks, and where, among
other things, the lady inspectors find in
less 10-dependence and influence than in
London. The comparative absence in
Berlin of grand boys, whose places are
taken by adult commissionaires, constitutes
a noteworthy difference between the two
capitals. It is to the advantage of Berlin,
being thus the greater prevalence of
apprenticeship.

THE LABOUR EXCHANGES.
A social institution of great importance
is the splendid system of labour exchanges
which inform the unemployed as to where
work is to be had. These exchanges pro-
vide for the repair of clothing at excep-
tionally low rates in order to enable men to
appear in a respectable appearance when
applying for work. A further advantage
of Berlin from the point of view
of the poorer classes is that for rating pur-
poses it constitutes but one district, thus
equalizing the burden of the rates which
are assessed on income and not on rent.

Such are some of the best points of this
gathering place of the German clans—the
city, general, artistic, and poetic Southern
and Western German with the formidably
scientific and academic Northern—but in which
the prosaic sobriety and persistent utilitarianism
of the Prussian decidedly predominate.
At a moment, too, when Englishmen
are looking for the "mystery" of the
German success in the war, it is not
without interest to find that Berlin is a
greater and more genuine respect for the
defenders of the commonwealth—for the
naval and military forces upon which its
security depends. Here in Berlin the
officer in uniform enforces this respect
producing an abiding and admirable
impression of the dignity of the Army.
The constant "Appell" in the public
places of the city, which is a public
demonstration of the military and land-
wehr, is a reflection of the fact that the
German people are so much more conscious
of the importance of the military service
than the British. British officers may be expected
to radiate some of the common military
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Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd
day of April, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock A.M.
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the General
Manager, for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1905, and electing a Dividend and a
Committee of Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,
27th March until SATURDAY, 3rd April,
1906, both days inclusive.
SHAWAN, TUNES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, March 23, 1906.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
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holders in the above Company will be
held at the Company's Office, St. George's
Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd
day of April, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock A.M.
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the General
Manager, for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1905, and electing a Dividend and a
Committee of Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from WEDNES-
DAY, the 21st March to SATURDAY, the
3rd April, both days inclusive.
SHAWAN, TUNES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, March 23, 1906.

**THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
of the above Company will be held at the
Company's Office, St. George's Building,
Victoria, on MONDAY, the 5th April,
1906, to receive a Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1905, and the Report
of the General Manager and Consulting
Auditors and to elect a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 22nd day
of March to the 5th day of April, both days
inclusive.
J. WHEELER,
General Manager,
Hongkong, March 17, 1906.

**THE YANGTZE INSURANCE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF the above
Association will be held at the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai,
on FRIDAY, the 18th April, 1906, at 4.30
o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors and the Ac-
counts to the 31st December, 1905, the
election of Directors and Auditors for the
current year, and for the purpose of bank-
ing any other business which may be
transacted at an Ordinary General Meet-
ing.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Asso-
ciation will be CLOSED from the 28th to
the 18th April, 1906, both days inclusive.
Members holding proxies for absent
Shareholders must deposit same with the
Secretary for registration at least forty
eight hours before the Meeting.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.
Shanghai, March 17, 1906.

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
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be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 11th April, 1906, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with the Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and of
declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 11th April to the
21st April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 14, 1906.

**THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE
above Company will be held at the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong-
kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th April,
1906, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors,
together with the Statement of Accounts to
the 31st December, 1905, and of declar-
ing Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 7th April to
11th April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 10, 1906.

**MORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

TOTAL FUND AS AT 31st December, 1905:
\$15,000,000.
—Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.
—Reserve Fund \$5,000,000.
—Paid-up Capital \$2,000,000.
—The Fund \$1,000,000.
—Sinking Fund \$1,000,000.
—Total \$15,000,000.

Revenues: Fire Insurance, \$4,000,000;
Life Insurance, \$1,000,000;
Sinking Fund, \$1,000,000.

The Authorized Fund of the Fire
and Life Insurance is free from any
claim of any kind.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHAWAN, TUNES & CO.,
General Managers.

Intimations.

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MAGISTRAT.

It is hereby notified that a MEETING OF
THE MAGISTRATE'S JUSTICES OF THE
PEACE for the District of the City of
Hongkong will be held at 11.15 a.m. on TUESDAY,
the 21st April, 1906, for the purpose of con-
sidering the following applications under the
Liquor Licensing Ordinance 1898 and 1905:

- From one, ERIC WONG HAY, for an
Alcohol License to sell by retail
licensing under the Ordinance
No. 1, 1898, and the 2nd floor of
No. 5, Robinson Street, Kennedy
Town, Hongkong, and also to sell
and to sell by retail under the 2nd
floor of No. 5, 2nd Street, West
Kowloon, under the sign of
"The Sun King Hotel."
- From one, CHAN HING, for per-
mission to sell by retail under the
Ordinance No. 1, 1898, and the 2nd
floor of No. 5, 2nd Street, West
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Hongkong, March 18, 1906.

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Hongkong, March 25, 1909. 415

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SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 73, Queen's Road Central.
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Hongkong, March 25, 1909. 414

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9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Golden* undelivered after 4

p.m., this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 1.—

9 p.m.—Performance of Royal Entertainers at City Hall.

Goods per *Brigade* undelivered after this date subject to rent.Goods per *Golden* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 2.—

Goods per *Alcedo* undelivered after 4 p.m., this date subject to rent.Goods per *Nubia* not cleared at 4 p.m., this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 3.—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Office.

Noon—Meeting of China & Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

MONDAY, April 5.—

Noon—Meeting of China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Goods per *Ernest Simon* undelivered after this date will be subject to rent and handling charges.

TUESDAY, April 6.—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

Goods per *Belgravia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 8.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at Mr. H. W. Sidel's residence, "Taiping," No. 116, the Peak.

WEDNESDAY, April 21.—

Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1909.

THE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

Here in Hongkong we are inclined to

think that we have seen the worst of the

commercial depression which has hung

like an appalling nightmare over the

whole business world for the past two

years, and that there are signs—slight

perhaps, but still faintly perceptible—of

a new movement along the old trade

lines. Mr. J. B. Surro, the Commissioner

for the East of the Government of New

South Wales, does not share this

optimistic feeling. He has recently

been on a trip from Kobe to Java

visiting on the way Taichang, Shanghai,

Hongkong, Singapore, Johore, and the

principal towns in the Dutch East

Indies, and what he saw inclined him

to the opinion that the depression of

1908 is likely to continue during 1909

and probably into the early part of 1910.

Mr. Surro, in the course of an interview

accorded to the *Osaka Mainichi*, andwhich is translated by the *Kobe Herald*

—said that one has only to look to the

present price of silver and compare it

with previous years to realise one of

the main causes of the present stagnation

in trade, more especially in China.

During the last eight years Bar Silver

in London has been quoted as follows at

per ounce standard:

1900...Y1.08 to Y1.20 average Y1.14

1901...1.00 " 1.16 " 1.08

1902...0.88 " 1.04 " 0.93

1903...0.88 " 1.12 " 1.00

1904...0.96 " 1.18 " 1.04

1905...1.00 " 1.20 " 1.10

1906...1.16 " 1.32 " 1.24

1907...0.96 " 1.28 " 1.12

1908...0.88 " 1.08 " 0.96

These figures are in the Japanese

currency, of course, and a slight adjust-

ment must be made to bring them into

the terms of Hongkong currency. Mr.

Surro was speaking in Japan, however,

and we have the figures as he said

them. With the table before him Mr.

Surro had no difficulty in pointing out

the silver fall—namely, that in

1900 it stood at 1.08, and in 1908 it

stood at 0.88, a fall of 20 per cent.

Under such adverse conditions the trade of China

is being carried on. Nor does the trouble

end there, for each province in China

appears to have a coinage of its own,

with fluctuating values, instead of one

system of coinage for the Empire, as is

the case with Japan, and where the yen

commands the same value in all parts

of the Empire. As to how long China,

(blind to her own interests) will allow

such a state of affairs to exist remains

to be seen. A low rate of exchange

may be all right for exports when the

sterling value of the local dollar has

reached bedrock, or any fairly per-

manent level, but in the matter of

imports, matters are different as is only

too well-known to commercial interests

in countries on a gold standard, from

the fact that the selling price to the

consumer has to be proportionately

increased in order to make up the

difference due to the falling value of

silver. Viewed from any standpoint

the commerce of China is carried

on under a complicated system of

exchange fluctuations and which reacts

on the commercial development of the

Empire. In the opinion of Mr. Surro,

therefore, until such time as silver takes

a rise and the silver currency is placed

on a sound basis with a dollar of equal

value throughout the Empire of China,

marked improvement cannot be looked

for in the commerce of this country.

Leading commercial people are of

opinion, he states, that a condition of

business inactivity exists hitherto un-

known in China, and which really

reacts on adjacent countries, but with

a good harvest in India it is always

noticeable that the price of silver in-

creases owing to increased demands for

India, the whole question being one of

Supply and Demand. At Singapore

a wave of depression has passed over

the Settlement, but owing to improved

conditions of life and a fixed sterling

value for the Straits dollar the

depression is not so pronounced

as in China, although there is

plenty of room for improvement. In

the Dutch East Indies a certain amount

of business depression has been felt, but

there is evidence of improved con-

ditions, more especially in exports of

Java products such as sugar, tea, coffee,

rice, etc.

The continued fall in the price of

silver is already causing the Govern-

ment of India a good deal of anxiety

and there are rumours that all is not

well with the crops in certain large

districts of the great Peninsula. These

things all lend colour to Mr. Surro's

prognostications regarding the con-

tinuance of trade depression but all the

same we sincerely hope that events will

not fall out exactly as he fears they

may do. The commercial communities

of the Far East have been hanging on

so bravely to the hope that the tide

would shortly turn that perhaps they

have been a little too optimistic in

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Shanghai has resolved to provide a

Drill Hall for the Volunteers.

Mr. R. C. Wilcox is temporarily acting

as Secretary of the China Association in

London.

The Japanese House of Peers refused

to entertain a bill re-establishing the

parliament in Japan.

The police have been notified that the

light ballet of the yacht, *Spray*, No. 9

and No. 6 was stolen after the racing

on Sunday.

The Wai-wu-pu is expected to make

strong opposition to the suggested ex-

tensions of the foreign Settlements at

Shanghai.

During the twenty-four hours ended

noon to-day there were three fatal cases

of plague, all Chinese—at Taumati, Kowloon

City and Morrison Street respectively.

Fairplay for February, 25th, 1909,

states:—"It is rumoured that there are

enquiries in the market for refrigerated

steamers to carry frozen pigs from China."

The Imperial Cold Storage Company

of Japan, started in 1907 with a capital

of three million yen (yen 750,000 paid up)

is the latest big concern to be said to be in

difficulties.

The authorities in Tokyo declare that

the Fukuoka Railway question and the

other questions touching Manchuria, be-

tween China and Japan, do not fall within

the scope of arbitration.

The Colonial Secretary kindly informs

us that regulations under the Venice

Sanitary Convention have been imposed on

all vessels from Hongkong arriving at all

ports in the Madras Presidency.

It is proposed to purchase the site of

the Tung Chee Hospital at Shanghai and

rename the institution the Paulun Hospital

as a memorial to the much-loved doctor.

About £5,000 will be required.

The 82nd Company R.G.A., formed in

